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1. The USSR, acting through agents, is making efforts to purchase, wherever possible, bomber type aircraft and aero-engines. The center of these transactions in the Far East is Manila. Aircraft, such as Catalinas and Pratt and Whitney SC30 engines, are bought cheaply from the Disposals Board in Australia, and find their way in considerable numbers to Manila.

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2. It has been substantiated that [REDACTED] has been flying Australian Disposals Board aero-engines from Sydney to Manila. He flies an aircraft of which the registered owner is one [REDACTED], of whom little is known. Comment. Tineo is possibly Martin R. Tineo, a Filipino businessman, who is reported by other sources to be a dealer in surplus property. Tucker has come to adverse notice in Australia in connection with morphine and stolen RAAF property, and as a result is likely to avoid Australia in the future. Tineo and Tucker were expected to fly from Manila to Rome in August 1948, Tineo's real destination probably being Switzerland.

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3. [REDACTED] in Australia by an agent, "believed to be of Russian extraction and with a reputation for shady deals and black marketing", with an absurdly high offer for Lockheed Hudson and Lodestar aircraft owned by him. He invited the agent to introduce his principals but was refused and no further negotiations have been carried out. The American businessman believes, without special evidence, that the principals were Asian Air Lines, Pty.

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